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OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

THE TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF PETERBORO',

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE Superintending School Committee submit the following Report:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Prudential Committee—George T. Wheeler, Samuel Converse, Ebenezer Fairbanks.

First Department.—Summer Term. Teacher, MISS CHARLOTTE McCOY. The teacher of the Summer term of this school has a well established reputation as a competent and successful instructress of our town schools. This promised well, but the illness of the teacher brought the term to a premature close, so there could be no formal examination. We judge, however, by what we saw during the eight weeks of school, that good progress was made by the various classes.

Winter Term. Teacher, MR. EZRA M. SMITH. The Winter term was less successful than could have been desired. The afternoon singing school took away large numbers of the scholars from many of their recitations, which was a decided injury to the school. And we are very sorry to be obliged to say, that some of the boys seemed disposed to make disturbance in various ways, during the term. Nearly all the young ladies, and several of the young gentlemen, were studious and orderly, and consequently manifested fine scholarship at the examination.—

Mr. Smith is a good, faithful teacher, but he evidently failed in a successful government of the school. Good order, we think, is indispensable to real success in any school.

Second Department.—Summer term. Teacher, Miss Flora A. Dodge. Too much can hardly be said in praise of the excellent management of this school. Through unwearied application, consumate energy, and careful, intelligent instruction, she who had it in charge accomplished results which would do honor to any school or any teacher. The district are laid under great obligations to Miss Dodge for the character she gave to the school. Her instructions will not soon be lost or forgotten. Such superior mental discipline and perfect government, and rapid improvement, as were the unmistakable characteristics of this school, and its great charm, are inestimable.

Fall Term. Miss Dodge was to teach the same school this term, and commenced her labors, but in the second week unfortunately was obliged, through ill-health, to relinquish her charge. Miss Marietta Tarbox was engaged to succeed her,—a very embarrassing and difficulty task, but as well and satisfactorily performed as could be expected. Her examination developed many good features in the school, showing faithful effort on her part.

Winter term. Teacher, Miss Mary A. Eastman. It was determined to try the experiment of a female teacher in this department this term, suitable male teachers being very scarce. The experiment was a success. Miss Eastman did not lack the necessary qualifications for governing such a school, and we have no occasion to complain of its management in this respect. On the other hand the order of the school was well maintained to the last. Her instruction, though not of the most practical order, was careful and in some points superior.

Third Department. Both the Summer and Fall terms of this school were taught by Mrs. E. J. Hale, who has for several years had the charge of this school. Mrs. Hale brings patience, enthusiasm, and perseverence,—qualities so much needed in a teacher of youth,—to her work; and she has met with great success this year. May she long be retained, with increased pay, as a teacher in this department.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Prudential Committee—Mr. John Upton, 2d.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Martha R. Wilder. The Summer term of this school was 14 weeks long. Number of scholars 43; average, 32. The teacher was well qualified for her position, and the school was eminently successful.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. William Moore. The length of the Winter term was only 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 46; average attendance, 39½. Mr. Moore is a very good and successful teacher. The term was shorter than was anticipated, so there was not time to develop very fully the capacities of teacher or scholars. There are some fine scholars in this school, especially in mathematics. All did well at the examination.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Prudential Committee—Mr. Franklin Mears.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Sarah E. Frost. The order of this school was good. A high degree of success crowned the efforts of the teacher. She was a good disciplinarian and "apt to teach." The examination evinced thorough instruction, and diligence on the part of the scholars.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. Stephen A. Sawyer. The order of this school was excellent. Mr. Sawyer is a man of rare enthusiasm, and has had a good degree of experience as a teacher in our common schools. This is one of our best schools in every respect. We found here good scholars, excellent habits of study, and strict discipline. The instruction was thorough and the government of the school eminently judicious.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Prudential Committee—Goodyear Bassett.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Ellen R. Badger. The only defect in this school was a want of life. It did not have enough of the *positive* character. The teacher possessed ample qualifications, gained the affection of her scholars, and exhibited commendable results at the end of the term. The smaller scholars improved finely. But there was a lack of enthusiasm in the school, owing, not to a want of faithfulness, but to a want of *force* in the teacher.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss SARAH A. BRACKETT. A very commendable interest was manifested in this school by all concerned. Miss B. labored with her usual zeal, and sustained her well-grounded reputation as a good teacher. The scholars all made good progress in their studies and especially in their mathematical studies, during the term. The school was larger than usual, owing to the fact that several scholars out of the district were permitted by the Prudential Committee to avail themselves of its advantages. Not a single instance of tardiness or dismissal occurred during the term, which speaks well for the parents.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Prudential Committee—John S. Treadwell.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss ELLEN R. BADGER. The Summer term was 12 weeks long. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, a fraction over 7. Good improvement was made by all the scholars, who attended regalarly.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. CHARLES S. PIERCE. The Winter term was rather short. Only 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 7; average, 5½. This was the first experience in teaching with Mr. Pierce. The school, though very small, showed at the examination that he had been successful in his efforts. Very decided improvement was made by several of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Prudential Committee—Mr. B. W. Crosby.

Summer and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss AUGUSTA F. AMES. The Summer term was of eleven weeks duration. Whole number of scholars, 29; average attendance, near 27. Winter term, twelve weeks. Number of scholars, 30; average, 24. This is a good school. The scholars, some of them, at least, *excel* in reading and spelling. The teacher has had much successful experience in her calling, previous to these terms. Yet, there seemed to be a slight want of the *positive* character in this school. The examinations were, however, as a whole, creditable to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Prudential Committee—German Day.

First Term. Teacher, Miss ELLEN FORBUSH. This was a live, earnest school. The teacher imparted her own enthusiasm

and love of learning to her scholars, whose ready knowledge at the examination gave evidence of strenuous application throughout the term. A decided and very visible improvement on the part of the scholars, was the natural result of such good discipline as they received, and such thorough work as they made with their studies.

Fall Term. Same teacher, and like results.

Winter Term. The district were wise in continuing Miss Forbush's services through this term also. The school did not suffer from being taught by a female, but gained from being permitted to finish up, and round off a work so well begun. With the exception of too much whispering and uneasiness in the seats, the examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Prudential Committee—Mr. Joel Hadley.

Summer and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss SARAH A. FLETCHER. This was the first attempt at teaching school by this teacher. Miss Fletcher is a good scholar, and succeeded much better than do many in their first attempts at school teaching. There was on her part, however, a want of enthusiasm, which perhaps was more than made up by the natural enthusiasm and aptness to learn on the part of the scholars. Some of the smaller scholars showed a very commendable degree of progress.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Prudential Committee—John Wilder.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss SARAH A. BRACKETT. This school was not examined, the teacher being obliged to close it suddenly before the end of the term. But judging from its appearance at the commencement, the statements of the Register, and the known ability of the teacher, we conclude it must have been a highly profitable school.

Fall Term. Teacher, Mrs. E. MARIA HADLEY. We never saw more improvement made during one term than was manifested at the close of the term, by the nineteen children, all under ten, of this school.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. GEORGE MOORE. The teacher of this school labored hard to bring it up to a high standard of scholarship. He gained the respect of his scholars, and the es-

teem of the district. But the examination with a few exceptions failed to elicit that intelligence and activity of mind which we had hoped to see. One capital merit to be mentioned is, that five of the largest scholars, by a self-imposed restraint, abstained entirely from whispering during the term, and by their exemplary conduct otherwise helped the teacher in his arduous labors.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Prudential Committee—Capt. S. Carey.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss MARY A. EASTMAN. Miss Eastman was a successful teacher of this school. She has had a large experience in teaching, and the examination evinced industry on her part and progress on the part of the scholars.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss MARY O. CHANDLER. Miss Chandler has had some experience as a teacher and is a very fair scholar. Though but *one half* of this school, of four scholars, were present at the examination; yet, those two scholars appeared well and showed progress. The teacher seemed to have done what, in her judgment seemed best for this school. Good government is necessary for our smallest schools, and some enthusiasm must be awakened in the scholars, in order to secure the happiest results.

CONCLUSION.

YOUR Committee are happy to say that they notice with much pleasure, an increased attention paid by the parents generally, to our schools. The teacher needs, in order to be most successful, the faithful co-operation of the parents. We would urge upon those parents who may have been somewhat remiss in their duties, in any respect, to either teacher or scholars, to uphold most persistently and cordially the teacher in his efforts to benefit those given to his care in the school room.

GEO. DUSTAN,
C. B. FERRY,
L. L. EASTMAN, } S. S. Com. of Peterborough.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

TABLE FOR SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts.		Length of the sch'l in weeks	Wages, including board	No. of scholars	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance	No. of tardinesses	No. dismissals	No. not abst.	Visits of Sup. Committee.	Visits of Pru Committee	Visits of all others
1	1	8 1-11	$22.67	47	14	33	41	16	27	14	9	2	61
	2	10	19	53	30	23	47	79	70	5	8	4	170
	3	10	*	60	31	29	55	54	70	15	10	3	72
2		14	18	43	20	23	32	37	31	1	2	2	83
3		10	14	33	18	15	27	13	2	10	4	2	51
4		8	12	8	7	1	7	11	2	3	2	1	34
5		12	11	9	5	4	8	26	4	*	2	0	28
6		11	14	29	11	18	27	10	5	9	3	2	72
7		10	14	28	7	14	14	31	9	3	3	1	26
8		8	*	10	5	5	9	55	2	3	1	2	15
9		9½	21	50	21	29	*	18	31	8	2	0	27
10		6	11.34	6	5	1	*	1		3	2	1	20

TABLE FOR WINTER SCHOOLS.

1	1	12	35	47	22	25	34	39	214	*	12	5	70
	2	12	25	42	18	24	33	67	73	5	8	2	672
	3	11	*	60	29	31	48	87	5	5	8	0	52
	4	11 1-3	20	49	26	23	31	105	94	2	11	3	172
2		9	28	46	24	22	40	41	15	10	3	1	67
3		10	34	47	30	17	41	22	7	11	6	2	133
4		11	19	17	8	9	*	0	0	2	4	2	36
5		9	24	7	5	2	6	32	7	1	2	1	21
6		12	23	30	14	16	24	32	2	9	2	2	60
7		12	18	23	11	12	18	40	13	2	4	1	22
8		12	*	14	8	6	10	86	7	0	2	1	20
9	1	11	19	19	12	7	16	21	0	1	2	0	28
	2	12	36	38	19	19	31	72	64	6	5	2	30
10		8	12	4	3	1	0	1	1	3	2	2	10

* Not reported.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Committee on the Town Library, having attended to their duty, submit the following Annual Report:—

No. of Volumes reported last year,		1968
Added during the year,		85
		2053
Worn out during the year,	17	
Taken and paid for for detention,	1	18
No. of Volumes now in the Library,		2035

Seventy-two volumes have been added by purchase during the year. Eight have been presented by the Librarian, three by Hon. E. H. Rollins, and one each by Miss Anna C. Payson, and George Livermore, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass.

The following are the numbers thrown out as worthless: 190—191 581—582—586—588—590—591—1366—1367—1376—1391—1392-1404 1444—1568—1746—1866.

The amount of fines assessed during the year and remaining unpaid at this date is $4 04. Amount collected during the year $8 36. There is also still due (from five individuals) for fines assessed by the former Librarian, the sum of $12 86. This money is needed for the replenishing of the Library and we know of no reason why it should not be paid. Every book taken from the Library contains a printed copy of the By Laws, and those failing to comply with their requirements certainly cannot plead ignorance of their provisions. We cannot think these persons will continue to allow their families to be deprived of the benefit of the Library, rather than pay the penalty of their negligence.

The financial condition of the Library is as follows:

Cash received of last year's Committee,		$42 42
" " " the town,		45 00
" " " Librarian for fines,		8 36
" " " R Forbush for fines,		1 63
" " for sale of old books, &c.,		2 26
Whole rmount received,		$99 67
Paid for new books,	$63 30	
" " binding,	6 70	
" " express, postage, and incidentals	1 48--	$71 48
Balance in the hands of the Committee,		$28 19

The committee would recommend an increased appropriation for the benefit of the Library. Many volumes of standard works are wearing out and will soon have to be replaced, and the advanced price of books renders it impossible, with the usual sum, to make such additions as are absolutely needed from year to year. The efficiency with which the present Librarian has performed his duties we think deserving of commendation. Every volume on the catalogue has been properly accounted for by him—a rare occurrence, we believe, during the recent history of the Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

R. B. HATCH, } Library
ELIJAH M. TUBBS, } Committee.

STATISTICS OF THE SOLDIERS.

A second preliminary report in regard to the Soldiers and Sailors furnished for the United States service by the Town of Peterborough, since the breaking out of the Rebellion.

Whole number of men furnished since the rebellion commenced, 177

Number furnished since the last annual report, 36

Of these three were Peterborough volunteers, two were drafted men, eleven were substitutes and twenty were hired volunteers from various places, mostly aliens.

One draft of forty-four men from the enrolled militia of the Town has been made since the last annual meeting. Of these fourteen were accepted as able to do military duty; one paid the commutation fee of three hundred dollars; two, Charles D. French and Leroy P. Greenwood, answered the call in person; and eleven furnished substitutes.

Number killed in battle or who have died of wounds since the war commenced, 11

Number who have died of disease, 14

" of accidental deaths, 1

" wounded but who have recovered or are convalescent, 20

" who have been discharged for various causes, 32

" who have deserted, 2

" now supposed to be in the service, 117

ELIJAH M. TUBBS,
GEORGE DUSTAN,
CHAS. B. FERRY,

Committee to gather statistics of Peterborough Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RENDERED MARCH 1st, 1864.

Town of Peterboro' in Account with K. C. Scott, Treasurer.

CR.

Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1st, 1863,		$764 21
" received of selectmen,		19202 10
" " collector, S. H. Caldwell,		548 60
" " State literary fund,		145 80
" " " railroad tax,		14 48
" " from circus,		30 00
" " of J. R. Miller, rent of post office,		68 75
" " G. T. Wheeler, rent of stores,		173 62
Abatement of taxes for 1859–60,		169 60
Cash received of J. H. Ames for old post office,		36 50
" " State, bounty on enlisted men,		1900 00
" " C. V. Dearborn, recruiting fees for same,		285 00
" " from State, 1st installment, U. S. bounty on two soldiers,		124 00
" " of Charles Wilder for black walnut,		50
" " A. Fuller, rent of town hall,		38 00
Whole amount of tax list,	10,653 02	
Uncollected and in collector's hands,	629 38	
Amount of taxes received before Sept. 15,	1993 75	
Less 7 per cent.,	139 56—	1854 19
Amount received after Sept. 15, and before Jan 15,	8029 89	
Less 5 per cent.,	401 49—	7628 40
		$32983 75

DR.

Paid State tax,	$2473 20	
" County tax,	1428 97	
" express on same,	50—	3902 67

Schools and Library.

Paid district No. 1,	$550 25
" 2,	133 45
" 3,	140 14
" 4,	71 79
" 5,	95 98
" 6,	121 59
" 7,	131 17
" 8,	58 69
" 9,	250 50
" 10,	40 81

Paid C. H. Hayward, Clement & Cragin's tax,	6 61	
Malachi Richardson, R. Richardson's tax,	3 40	
George Dustan, S. S. Committee,	10 00	
C. B. Ferry, " "	10 00	
L. L. Eastman, " "	10 00	
J. R. Miller, Librarian,	27 50	
Library Committee,	45 00—	1706 88

Roads and Bridges.

H. Proctor, work on road,	$1 00	
C. D. French, " "	4 37	
John Langley, stringers and labor,	18 75	
Moses Gowing, labor on bridge,	1 00	
Joseph Davis, work on bridges, &c.,	39 75	
Cyrus Blanchard, labor and plank,	2 00	
J. M. Mears, labor on bridge,	1 50	
Samuel Miller, planking "	50	
J. H. Vose, stringers,	3 55	
John Cragin, plank and labor on Bridge,	12 12	
David Gould, " "	1 25	
N. H. Moore, " " "	6 35	
John Stewart, " "	15 25	
S. B. Piper, " "	1 75	
John Upton, 2d, " " and railing,	5 25	
John D. Holmes, stringers, &c.,	4 84	
Norton Hunt, bridge plank, &c.,	5 04	
J. D. Diamond, for plank,	1 53	
Isaac Hadley, labor on bridges,	8 00	
E. S. Hunt, " " &c.,	37 33	
J. W. Little, " and use of cart,	4 88	
Josiah Brackett, bridge plank,	25 36	
C. H. Brooks, drawing plank and labor on bridge,	10 50	
Wm. Henderson, " "	1 13	
French Bruce, " "	3 71	
J. S. Morrison, bridge plank, &c.,	26 60	
J. H. Vose, " "	10 88	
Asa Davis, road agent,	1350 00	
Joshua Stevens, railing,	15 85—	1620 04

Abatements.

L. M. Jewett,	$0 49	
Stephen D. Robbe,	2 00	
J. S. Treadwell,	4 00	
Mrs. Rebecca Hunt,	2 00	
James Scott,	10 00	
Isaac D. White,	9 00	
A. S. Clark,	1 50	
David Smiley,	3 50	
Mrs. Thomas Stacy,	2 00	
Wm. Towns,	1 71	
Moses R. Page,	1 00	
Abatement for 1859–60,	169 60—	206 80

Notes and Interest.

Paid on R. M. McGilvray's note,	$25 00	
Dr. Wm. Follansbee, note and interest,	506 67	
" " " "	424 30	
R. M. McGilvray, interest on note,	4 12	
Savings Bank, " "	408 25	
John Cummings, " "	15 00	
Peterboro' Bank, one note,	1000 00	
" " interest on note,	396 75	
Cyrus Blanchard, interest,	10 00	
E. W. McIntosh, "	55 00	
C. H. Brooks, interest on note,	37 29	
I. Hadley, " "	19 00—	2901 38

New Town House.

Charles Longley, for labor,	$21 25
Leonard Stiles, mason work,	10 25
Henry Field, for labor,	47 81
George W. Marden, mason work,	27 03
Edwin McCoy, for painting,	215 14
John Wilder, pine boards,	4 87
Willard Jefts for black walnut, &c.,	18 36
John Cummings, for labor,	89 26
John Swallow, "	94 78
J. A. Perham, stone work,	23 00
George T. Wheeler, on account,	50 00
Charles B. Chapman, labor,	6 88
Samuel Crossfield, lumber, &c.,	254 42
Wm. R. Dodd, labor,	13 40
Chas. B. Chapman, labor,	11 36
E. Wellman, pine boards,	4 80
D. W. Johnson, retaining fees and expenses to Nashua and Manchester,	21 40
William Fish, labor,	12 37
French Bruce, "	18 37
Walworth & Co., iron railing, &c.,	31 90
Isaac Hadley for brick,,	24 00
Edwin McCoy, painting,	4 57
Henry M. Breed, sharpening tools, &c.,	14 41
Emri Clark, labor,	7 87
John H. Vose, lumber,	4 20
" " " &c.,	5 49
Albert Frost, labor,	21 38
George W. Marden, mason work, &c.,	27 64
Stephen D. White, turning post,	2 50
John Rourke, sharpening tools, iron, lumber, &c.,	50 14
A. P. Morrison & Sons, for lime,	9 00
Amzi Childs, use of planer, lumber, &c.,	45 79
Ira Forbush, cellar windows,	1 50
Henry Field, labor,	75
Francis G. W. Powers, labor,	63
Wm. B. Kimball, expenses to Nashua and labor in town hall,	14 00
G. T. Wheeler, balance on bill of goods,	111 88
Edwin McCoy, painting,	1 23

E. L. Putnam, board of Perham,	7 50	
A. Fuller, taking care of town hall, &c.,	32 09--	1363 22

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid George A. Ramsdell, making Savings Bank list,	2 06
Joseph Cram, cutting wood,	1 50
Jonathan S. Bowers, use of land,	5 00
Mrs. H. C. Taggart,	10 00
Dearborn & Scott, for insurance,	32 50
Asa B. Clark, damages to wagon,	2 00
C. V. Dearborn and P. C. Cheney, expenses to Concord,	6 75
Dr. Smith, returning deaths,	1 60
Z. Merriam, sawing wood,	1 00
D. F. McGilvray, for storing settees, &c.,	10 00
Albert Sawyer, labor, &c.,	8 00
C. A. Wheeler, drawing stone, &c.,	16 00
E. W. McIntosh, enamelled cloth,	1 50
Chas. B. Chapman, labor,	2 13
Samuel Adams, Jr., runners for hearse,	28 00
George Steele, 2d, damages on horse,	62 50
Amos B. Emery, work on wall,	46 70
James E. Bailey, drawing stone, &c.,	70 50
J. H. Steele, services on road near Brennan's shop,	3 00
Milton Carter, for supporting watering trough,	1 50
James Scott, auditor,	2 00
Amzi Childs, "	2 00
Henry Steele, "	2 00
E. B. Kimball, supporting watering trough,	1 50
H. A. Kimball, " " "	1 50
T. K. & George Ames, drawing stone, &c.,	8 24
Ira Spofford, stone, &c.,	179 32
Rufus Forbush, town clerk,	26 94
Joseph H. Ames, sexton,	71 94
Joseph H. Ames, coffins, &c., for paupers,	15 50
Eri Spaulding, irons,	55
John Cummings, labor on lobby,	5 25
David Smiley, taking care of town clock,	25 00
George Shedd, supporting watering trough,	1 50
John Swallow, boards and labor,	13 72
Wm. Low, painting hearse,	2 00
Shelden & Chever, repairing hose,	4 50
C. H. Brooks, wood for engine house,	1 75
H. A. W. Marsh, drawing stone, &c.,	9 00
James Swan, for wood,	2 74
H. K. French, horse and buggy to Wilton and Milford, and keeping oxen,	14 13
C. M. Brooks, services as selectman,	70 39
Isaac Hadley, " "	62 65
E. S. Hunt, " "	40 62
K. C. Scott, printing reports, advertising, stationery, blank books, &c.,	54 26
Aquarius Engine Co.,	27 00
Deluge " "	27 00
George S. Clark, taking care of engine,	4 70

Paid Low & Fuller, painting door,	50	
G. P. Felt, lumber, &c., for lobby,	26 72	
T. P. Ames, ringing bell,	10 00	
Wm. R. Dodd, labor on wall,	11 62	
J. W. Macomber, labor,	157 35	
C. H. Brooks, expenses in putting in volunteers,	50 67	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., pipe,	80	
C. H. Brooks, expense on town house and grove wall,	132 14	
H. Newton, taking care of engine,	7 74	
S. H. Caldwell, for non-resident tax list,	1 00	
Dearborn & Scott, making deeds, &c.,	1 50	
S. H. Caldwell, collecting taxes,	50 00	
S. H. Caldwell & Co., sundry articles,	43 01	
K. C. Scott, services as treasurer,	35 00	
K. C. Scott, for paying soldiers' families, &c.,	20 00	
C. V. Dearborn, services and expenses on enlisted men,	73 84	
Abijah Holt, labor,	1 89	
Expressing money from Concord,	50—	1614 22

Poor and Poor Farm.

Paid Asa Davis, overseer of the poor,		200 00

Soldiers' Bounties and Aid to Families.

Paid P. C. Cheney, bounty,	$100 00	
M. L. Morison, "	100 00	
Albert Stevens, conscript,	300 00	
Joshua Richardson, "	300 00	
K. C. Scott, "	300 00	
David Lovejoy, "	300 00	
D. M. McClenning, "	300 00	
Francis Cragin, Jr., "	300 00	
George G. Brackett, "	300 00	
Henry M. Breed, "	300 00	
Hiram McCoy, "	300 00	
Samuel W. Vose, "	300 00	
Rodney M. Wilder, "	300 00	
Chas. D. French, "	300 00	
Selectmen for enlisted men,	4000 00	
" " " "	5718 00	
L. P. Greenwood, conscript,	300 00	
Families of soldiers,	4134 50—	17952 50
		$31467 71
Whole amount received,		32983 75
" " paid out,		31467 71
Balance in hands of treasurer,		$1516 04

K. C. SCOTT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Credit.

By cash of K. C. Scott, treasurer,	$1350 00
" " in hands of agent, 1863.	3 83
	$1353 83

Debtor.

Paid John T. Spofford	$12 00	Paid Frank Conde,	8 09
Gilbert Tenney,	2 50	H. M. McLaughlin,	1 00
Moses Gowing, agent,	29 91	Sampson Washburn, ag't	32 07
Ballard Buss,	5 34	William Miner,	3 51
Moses R. Paige,	8 25	Stephen Robbe,	5 00
Milton Mears,	1 02	John O. Nay,	4 08
John Langley, agent;	6 13	Leonard Nabor,	5 00
Dea. Samuel Miller,	6 55	James Swan,	2 25
Joseph Davis,	20 87	John Q. Adams, agent,	31 88
John May,	4 45	Charles R. Richardson,	15 25
Franklin Field,	13 32	James E. Bailey,	45 39
Albert Sawyer,	1 00	Joseph Upton,	4 50
Luke Tarbox,	26 75	Franklin Mears,	2 00
William Goss,	44 68	Frank Smiley,	3 74
Jacob Longley, agent,	19 00	Zadoc Merriam,	9 21
Moses W. Brown,	104 33	David Blanchard,	3 62
David Gould,	4 51	N. H. Moore, agent,	63 55
George Cragin, agent,	7 50	Henry S. Carter,	21 24
Timothy Hovey, agent,	16 32	Frank Pierce,	20 77
Daniel Pratt,	6 62	C. B. Chapman,	1 25
J. W. Macomber,	6 00	Warren Nichols,	2 37
Samuel Prescott,	14 37	Wm. H. Whittemore,	1 25
Sidney Smith,	2 62	Albert Wilkins	2 50
Norton Hunt,	2 50	Ethan Hadley,	1 67
James Wilson,	3 50	Elbridge Howe,	5 00
John R. Gregg,	3 00	Thomas Tubbs,	1 35
Lyman Perceval,	48 65	Edward R. Danforth,	2 24
George Hadley,	2 50	Josiah S. Morrison,	1 67
Thomas Little, agent,	37 05	Nathaniel R. Fish,	2 48
F. A. Tarbell,	7 99	Solomon Garfield,	1 75
John Stewart, agent,	41 66	H. K. French,	1 25
Joseph B. Pierce,	14 37	Wm. R. Fish,	2 75
Benjamin Brackett, ag,t,	22 49	C. A. Wheeler,	8 42
George Shedd,	8 51	Jones Dodge,	1 53
Alvin Bailey,	3 40	C. H. Brooks,	6 84
P. R. Davis,	9 65	Town Farm,	21 91
Charles Barber,	5 50	Daniel A. Warner,	13 36
Calvin Leathers, agent,	21 83	Henry Marsh,	79 39
Erastus B. Reed,	3 00	Benjamin Darling,	2 38
Alvah Puffer,	6 00	B. & W. Crosby,	20 98
Eli S. Hunt,	3 27	Asa Davis, for bills paid,	52 10
Harvey Hadley,	2 68	" " ag't, labor, &c.	213 95
Silas R. Farwell,	5 85	Putnam & Chase,	1 87
Henry McGookin,	3 75		
			$1353 60

The above amount was paid out as follows:

For labor on roads,	$1250 00
" breaking roads, cutting bushes, building new road near Cha's French's, &c.,	103 60
	$1353 60

The above report is respectfully submitted.

ASA DAVIS, *Road Agent.*

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Credit.

By cash of Jesse Upton,	$30 00
" " " Nathaniel Morrison,	25 00
" " " treasurer for N. Morrison's salary, 1862,	200 00
" " " Ford Laws,	20 00
" " " from county,	12 85
" " " John O. Nay,	86 07
" " " A. & T. P. Ames,	149 75
" " " overseer of last year,	13 88
" " " " for produce sold,	43 93
	$581 48

Debtor.

Paid Nathaniel Morrison's salary,	$200 00
" for Eliza N. Badger, Insane Asylum, Concord,	29 95
" " Thomas McCoy, " " "	17 96
" " Eliza N. Badger, " " "	39 81
" " " " " " " "	30 63
" " " " " " " "	29 80
" Jaffrey Poor Farm, pair steers,	70 00
" Henry M. Breed, blacksmith bill,	2 34
" Dublin tax on meadow,	6 48
" J. W. Macomber, boy on farm,	23 25
" Mrs. Perkins, support of child 10 weeks,	5 00
" Charles Barber, pasturing sheep,	6 00
" Henry S. Carter, support of child,	5 25
" S. H. Caldwell & Co., cistern and wringer for farm,	13 00
" assistance to Fife girls,	52 23
" " " Mrs. Thorning,	34 94
" Asa Davis, services as overseer,	23 33
" N. F. Laws, balance of his account,	4 94
" assistance to Amial Wood's family,	14 09
" Postage for 1862 & 1863 by the overseer,	2 18

Due from the County and State of Massachusetts.

Assistance to Mary J. Powers,	19 14
Paid E. S. Putnam, entertaining stranger,	75
" Thomas Jones board and conveyance,	3 00
" State of Mass., support of Conklin boy,	19 68
	$653 75

ASA DAVIS, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Report of Town Liquor Agent.

Liquor on hand March 1, 1863,		$72 00
Agent's salary,		80 00
		$152 00
Liquor on hand March 1, 1864,	105 80	
Cash on hand March 1, 1864,	69 05	
	$174 85	

ASA DAVIS, *Agent.*

TOWN FARM.

1 pair of oxen,	$165 00	5 calves,	55 00
1 pair 4 years old,	120 00	1 horse,	40 00
6 cows,	205 00	20 sheep,	90 00
4 3 years old steers,	100 00	2 shoats,	32 00
2 3 years old heifers,	50 00	2 turkeys,	2 00
1 bull,	16 00	25 hens,	12 50
5 2 years olds,	85 00		
			$956 66

Hay and Fodder.

7½ tons English hay,	105 00	5½ tons Meadow hay,	35 00
9½ tons 2d quality hay,	90 00	1 ton straw,	8 00
3 tons clover hay,	33 00	Husks and stalks,	3 50
			$274 50

Produce, Provisions, Lumber, &c.

86 bush. corn,	128 00	91 pounds ham,	12 64
104 " oats,	75 00	303 " cheese,	30 30
16 " barley,	16 00	300 " salt pork,	39 00
1¼ " rye,	1 88	100 " " beef,	8 00
3 " white beans,	9 00	35 " butter,	9 80
150 " potatoes,	75 00	175 " dried apple,	15 70
½ " colored beans,	1 00	19 " " pumpkin,	1 75

1 bush. turnips,	25	1 lb. hops,	25
1½ " beets,	75	1 " sage,	25
carrots,	25	7½ bbls. cider and bbls.	16 00
6 cabbages,	48	9 galls. boiled cider and cask	4 25
2 bush. corn meal,	3 00	6 " apple sauce,	2 00
1 peck salt,	20	5 " pickles,	1 75
1 doz eggs,	17	1½ bbls. vinegar and casks,	8 00
3½ pounds sugar,	60	Tea,	75
8 " maple sugar,	1 36	4 bbls. apples and bbls.,	7 00
4 " tripe,	67	2½ " soap " "	10 50
24 " fresh beef,	2 40	¼ " flour,	2 82
23 " " pork,	2 76	63 lbs. wool,	50 00
15 " candles,	2 25	1 lb. cotton yarn,	75
34¾ " tallow,	4 08	1 " candle wicking,	50
21 " sausages,	2 94	2¼ " rolls,	2 25
2¼ " stocking yarn,	3 38	1 pair drag plank,	1 00
13 pairs feeting,	7 50	Lot joist,	2 00
38½ yards twilled flannel,	28 88	Sled runners. &c.,	1 50
4¼ " shirting,	1 40	2½ M. shingles,	5 00
1¾ " flannel,	1 40	1000 ft. Hemlock boards,	8 00
3½ " frocking,	3 25	4½ cords wood,	13 50
1 buffalo robe,	3 00		
			$632 21

Debts due Town Farm.

S. B. Piper,	4 00	James Scott,	9 50
William Goss,	3 00		
Gilman May,	43 00		$59 50

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By farm as appraised March 1, 1864,	$3466 94
" tools,	128 68
" stock,	956 66
" hay and fodder,	274 50
" produce, provisions, lumber, &c.,	632 21
" board of paupers, county, and state of Mass.,	42 59
" debts due from sundry persons,	59 50
	$5561 08

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By farm as appraised March 1, 1863,	$3466 94
" tools,	128 00
" interest on farm,	215 00
" stock,	851 00
" hay and fodder,	188 50
" produce, provisions, lumber, &c.,	477 44
Amount due Supt., April 1, 1864,	200 00
	$5527 11
Amount of credit,	$5561 08
Amount of debt,	5527 11
Balance in favor of the town,	$33 97

The number of the paupers on the town March 1, 1864, was five. The number supported during the year was 3, with the addition of 1 six weeks.

The above report is respectfully submitted.

March, 1st, 1864. ASA DAVIS, *Overseer of the Poor.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Town Liabilities.

Peterboro' Bank,	$1 00
Peterboro' Savings Bank,	91 00
Daniel Conant,	15 00
Asa F. Gowing,	100 00
E. W. McIntosh,	1000 00
Joseph Wilder,	1000 00
Nathan Brooks,	1000 00
Daphna E. Osgood,	800 00
Cyrus Frost,	850 00
Moses Eaton,	600 00
Isaac Hadley,	600 00
Nathaniel H. Moore,	525 00
Chas. H. Brooks,	500 00
Asa Twitchell,	400 00
John Cummings,	300 00
Cyrus Blanchard,	200 00
Geo. M. Clark,	200 00
Geo. Bruce,	175 00
Mary H. Brooks,	100 00
Joseph W. Crosby,	100 00
Robert M. McGilvray,	75 00
Daniel W. Osborn,	75 00
Wallace Clark,	75 00
Tendered in court on Frank Bailey's account,	750 00
N. F. Laws, services on Poor Farm,	200 00
Amzi Childs, damage on new road,	60 00
Hubert Brennan, " " "	100 00
Mrs. Jane Steele, " " "	76 00
John W. Marsh, bounty money,	200 00
Interest due A. F. Gowing,	50 00
" " Daniel Conant,	75 00
" on small notes,	25 00
School district No. 1, land damage,	20 00
N. F. Laws, " "	10 00
Asa Davis, " "	10 00
Asa Davis, overseer of the poor,	72 27
	$37473 27

Assets of the Town.

Balance in treasurer's hands,	$1516 04
Uncollected taxes,	726 63
Amount due from State for aid to families,	4134 50
Bounties due from United State for enlisted soldiers,	5576 00
Asa Davis, liquor agent,	100 00
Due from Gilman May, on account Poor Farm,	43 00
" sundry other persons,	12 50
" county for support of paupers,	42 57
" balance in favor Poor Farm,	33 97
" Ploughs, &c., used on roads,	10 00
	$12195 21
Balance against the town,	$25278 06

CHARLES H. BROOKS,
ISAAC HADLEY,
ELI S. HUNT,
Selectmen of Peterboro'.

We, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Road Agent, Overseer of the Poor, Farm, and Liquor Agent, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES SCOTT,
AMZI CHILDS,
C. V. DEARBORN,
Auditors.